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Applicant: D. Salt  
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METHYSELENOCYSTEINE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Applicant respectfully requests a three (3)-month extension of time, from September 6, 2002 to and including December 6, 2002 to respond to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2002 (Paper No. 10). Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendment**

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 22 and amend the claims as indicated in the attached Appendix A ("Version With Markings to Show Changes Made"). All of the claims, in the form they will take after entrance of the present Amendment, are attached in Appendix B.

- B<sup>1</sup>
1. (Amended) A method of producing an edible plant whose edible portions comprise nutritionally significant concentrations of Se-methylselenocysteine, comprising:  
identifying a growth environment containing Se-methylselenocysteine;  
providing a crop plant having an ability to accumulate Se-methylselenocysteine in its edible portions;